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(iii) An employee of the agency whose priority work assignments preclude the employee's release.

(f) Agency decision. In arriving at its written decision, the agency may consider only the reasons specified in the notice of proposed action. The agency shall consider any reply of the appointee or the appointee's representative made to a designated official and any medical documentation furnished under paragraph (c) of this section. The agency shall deliver the notice of decision to the appointee at or before the time the action will be effective. The notice of decision shall inform the appointee of his or her appeal rights.

(g) *Hearing*. Under 5 U.S.C. 7543(c), the agency may, in its regulations, provide a hearing in place of or in addition to the opportunity for written and oral reply.

§ 752.605 Appeal rights.

(a) Under 5 U.S.C. 7543(d), a career appointee against whom an action is taken under this subpart is entitled to appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board.

(b) A limited term or limited emergency appointee who is covered under §752.601(c)(2) also may appeal an action taken under this subpart to the Merit Systems Protection Board.

§ 752.606 Agency records.

The agency shall maintain copies of the adverse action record items specified in 5 U.S.C. 7543(e) and furnish them upon request as required by that subsection.

PART 754 [RESERVED]

PART 771—AGENCY ADMINISTRA-TIVE GRIEVANCE SYSTEM

§ 771.101 Continuation of Grievance Systems.

Each administrative grievance system in operation as of October 11, 1995, that has been established under former regulations under this part must remain in effect until the system is ei-

ther modified by the agency or replaced with another dispute resolution process.

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PART 772—INTERIM RELIEF

Subpart A—General

Sec.

772.101 Basic authority.772.102 Interim personnel actions.

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Subpart A—General

§ 772.101 Basic authority.

This part establishes a mechanism for agencies to provide interim relief to employees and applicants for employment who prevail in an initial decision issued by the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) as required by the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989, Pub. L. 101–12 (codified at 5 U.S.C. 7701(b)(2)(A)). The interim relief provisions of the law are applicable whether or not alleged reprisal for whistleblowing is at issue in an appeal to MSPB.

\S 772.102 Interim personnel actions.

When an employee or applicant for employment appeals an action to MSPB and the appeal results in an initial decision by an MSPB administrative judge granting interim relief under 5 U.S.C. 7701(b)(2)(A) and a petition for review of the initial decision is filed (or will be filed) with the full Board under 5 U.S.C. 7701(e)(1)(A), the agency shall provide the relief ordered in the initial decision by taking an interim personnel action subject to the following terms:

(a) Interim personnel actions shall be made effective upon the date of issuance of the initial decision and must be initiated on or before the date of a petition for review by the agency or within a reasonable period after the date it becomes aware of a petition for review by the appellant;

(b) The relief provided by interim personnel actions shall end: